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SUBJECT: COSOFAM MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT

1. THREE WOMEN WHO REPRESENT COSOFAM, A REPORTEDLY NON-POLITICAL EXILE ORGANIZATION BASED IN MEXICO CITY, ARE SEEKING TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES. COSOFAM STANDS FOR COMMITTEE OF WOMEN OF DEAD MISSING POLITICAL PRISONERS (SIC).

2. THREE WOMEN ARE: SUSANA MIGUEZ, REPORTEDLY WIFE OF HISTORIAN; LAURA BONAPARTE DE BRUSCHSTEIN, WHO LOST TWO DAUGHTERS (ALLEGEDLY HAND OF ONE WAS SENT TO MOTHER); AND SUSANA VACA NARVAJA, WIFE OF A PARTIDO AUTENTICO PERONISTA LEADER WHO WAS ALSO LAWYER AND FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER (UNDER FRONDIZI). VACA NARVAJA SR. HAS DISAPPEARED. MRS. VACA NARVAJA IS MOTHER OF FERNANDO
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VACA NARVAJA, WELL KNOWN MONTONERO LEADER AND REPORTEDLY SECOND IN COMMAND OF MONTONERO ARMY. FERNANDO IS ALSO LEADER OF COSOMA (COMMISSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE), HEADQUARTERED IN MEXICO.

3. WOMEN CLAIM THEY HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP TO COSOMA. THEY

ARE BEING SPONSORED BY TABOR HOUSE, WHICH ONE HUMAN RIGHTS

ORGANIZATION SAID IS A GROUP OF FORMER PRIESTS AND NUNS.
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS MADE SOME APPOINTMENTS FOR GROUP
BUT NOTED IT IS NOT SPONSORING VISIT. LARRY BIRNS OF
COUNCIL ON HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS IS APPARENTLY INVOLVED
ALSO WITH VISIT. REPORTEDLY WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN
AMERICA DECLINED INVOLVEMENT.

4. GIVEN POSSIBILITY THAT GROUP MAY SEEK HIGH LEVEL
APPOINTMENTS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER
BACKGROUND INFORMATION BUENOS AIRES AND MEXICO CAN PROVIDE
ON WOMEN, COSOFAM, AND THE RELATIVES OF WOMEN.

5. PLEASE RESPOND BY COB JUNE 9. VANCE

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